

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 2638 – SB 2508

February 7, 2012

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012814): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Defines “camping” as the erection or use of temporary structures such as tents, tarps, and other temporary shelters for living accommodation activities such as sleeping, or making preparations to sleep. Camping shall include, but not be limited to, the laying down of bedding for the purpose of sleeping, storing personal belongings, making any fire, doing any digging or earth breaking or carrying on cooking activities, whether by fire or use of artificial means such as propane stove or other heat-producing portable cooking equipment.

Creates a Class A misdemeanor offense for a person to engage in the activity of camping on property owned by the State knowing that the area on which the camping occurs is not specifically designated for use as a camping area by the department or agency responsible for such land. Any items associated with camping in violation of this section, including tents, portable toilets, sleeping bags, tarps, stakes, ropes, blankets, propane heaters, cooking equipment and generators, shall be subject to seizure and forfeiture by appropriate state officials.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions applied to amendment:

- There will not be a sufficient number of misdemeanor prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- There will not be a significant fiscal impact for state departments or agencies with responsibility for state property to enforce the proposed legislation.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim D. Quinn".

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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